

2026 NSS CONVENTION "Preliminary" Program Schedule

Multi-day and Week-long events:

All week:	Fine Arts Salon: Library	Junior Speleological Society	Band Room	Caver Co-Op:	TBD	Balad Listening Kiosk: LOC		Video Kiosk: LOC	Vendors: Auxiliary Gym	Quiet Room: 228	NSS Bookstore: TBD	Cartography Salon: Aux. Gym Catwalk
Mon & Tues.	Sketching contest -in-cave	CaveSim	Next to registration									

Vendors Schedule: Monday 8-5; Tues-Wed-Thursday 8 to 8; Friday 8-12

NSS 2026 PRELIMINARY CONVENTION SCHEDULE

	MONDAY			TUESDAY			WEDNESDAY			THURSDAY			FRIDAY		
	Event	Time	Where	Event	Time	Where	Event	Time	Where	Event	Time	Where	Event	Time	Where
Morning	Opening Ceremony	8:30 -9:00	TBA	Yoga	8:00-9:00	TBA	Coffee & Karst	8:00-9:00	Registration Hallway	Yoga	8:00-9:00	TBD	Yoga	8:00-9:00	TBD
	BOG Open Meeting	9:00-Noon	104	Coffee & Karst	8:00-9:00	Registration Hallway	International Exploration	9:00-Noon	Auditorium	Geology and Geography	9:00-Noon	Auditorium	BOG Meeting	9:00-Noon	104
	Cave Exploration of the Ohio Valley Region: Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky	9:00-Noon	Auditorium	US Exploration	9:00-Noon	Auditorium	Biospeleology Session	9:00-Noon	205	Spelean History	9:00-Noon	205	Video Salon Viewing	9:00 - Noon	Auditorium
	Introduction to Sketching: Digital and Paper	9:00-Noon	205	Cave Conservation & Science	9:00-Noon	205	Speleoethem Repair Workshop Part II	9:00-Noon	in-cave	Planned Giving	9-Noon	112	Fine Art Salon Critique	9:00-10:00	Library
	Speleology for Cavers	9:00-Noon	254	Speleoethem Repair Workshop	9:00-Noon	254	Cave Digging Section	9:00-Noon	254	State Cave Surveys	9-Noon	102	Cartographic Salon Critique	10:00-Noon	Cart Salon site
	Carlsbad Caverns Listening Session	9:00-noon	154	Cavers Against Sexual Harassment	9:00-Noon	154	Discover Vertical Caving	9:00-Noon	100	Vertical Section session	9-Noon	254	Photo Salon Critique	10:00-Noon	Library
	Explorers Club Session	9:00-Noon	102	Discover Vertical Caving	8:30-12:30	100	Caving & Culture	9:00-Noon	102	Paleontology	9-Noon	TBD	Print Salon Critique	10:00-Noon	Library
				Photo Workshop	9:00-Noon	in-cave	NPS Cave Managers Meeting	9:00-Noon	112	Contingency Vertical Workshop	8:00-Noon	Junior High Gym	Cave Ballard Salon Critique	10:00-Noon	Library
			Interagency Meeting	9:00-Noon	102							Cave Writers Workshop	9:00-Noon	154	
												NSF Trustees Meeting (open)	9:00-Noon	112	
Lunch	BOG Lunch (Closed)	Noon-2:00	104	Luminary Speaker: Cat & Charlie Bishop	12:30-1:30	Auditorium	Luminary Speaker: Jill Yager	12:30-1:30	Auditorium	Luminary Speaker: Gordon Smith	12:30-1:30	Auditorium	Survey & Cartography Session	Noon-1:00	205
	Speleology Class Lunch	Noon-1:00	254	Cave Conservation & Science	Noon-1:00	205	Biospeleology	1:00-2:00	205	Geology and Geography meeting	1:30-2:30	Auditorium	Arts and Letters Lunch	Noon-1:00	154
	Vertical Climbing Contests	12:30 start	Junior High Gym	Photo Workshop	9:00-Noon	in-cave	Vertical Climbing Contests	Noon-1:00	Junior High Gym	Vertical Section Lunch/Business Meeting	Noon-1:00	254	The Caving Podcast Live: Jason Ballensky	noon-1:00	Auditorium
	Communications & Electronics	12:30-2:00	154	Book signing: Gary Roberson	11:30-1:00	Vendors Area				NCKMS Steering Committee	Noon-1:00	110			
	10 Years of The Caving Podcast (Indiana focus)	Noon-1:00	Auditorium	Vertical climbing contests	12:30 start	Junior High Gym				Book signing: Gary Roberson	11:30-1:00	Vendors Area			
Afternoon	Fine Arts Salon Opening	12:00-2:00	Library	US Exploration	2:00-5:00	Auditorium	International Exploration	2:00-5:00	Auditorium	Geology and Geography	2:00-5:00	Auditorium	Survey & Cartography Session	1:00-5:00	205
	BOG Meeting (Closed)	2:00 - 5:00	104	Cave Conservation & Science	2:00-5:01	205	Congress of Grottos	2:00-5:00	102	Cave Diving Exploration	1:00-5:00	205	Cave Writers Workshop	1:00-4:00	154
	Vertical Climbing Contests	1:00-5:00	Jr. High Gym	Convention Planning	2:00-5:00	110	Biospeleology Session	2:00-5:00	205	Vertical Section Annual meeting, Awards	1:00-5:00	254	BOG Meeting	1:00-5:00	104
	Cave Exploration of the Ohio Valley Region: Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky	1:00-5:00	Auditorium	Photo Workshop	9:00-Noon	in-cave	Speleophilatic Section Meeting	1:00-2:00	110	Archeology	1:00-5:00	TBD	Collegiate Grotto Challenges and Solutions	1:30-3:00	110
	Speleology for Cavers	1:00-5:00	254	Climbing contests	1:00-5:00	Junior High Gym	derigging from Vertical contests (closed)	1:00-5:00	Junior High Gym	Convention Debrief	2:00-5:00	112	NSF Trustees Meeting (closed)	1:00-5:00	112
	Vertical Training Commission (VTC) (30 seats, 1 table)	1:00-4:00	205							NSS Preserves & Acquisitions	2:00-5:00	110			
	Communications & Electronic Session	2:00-5:00	112							Cave Photography Session	2:00-5:00	154			
	In-Cave Sketching - Paper & Digital	1:00-5:00	in-cave							NSS Awards Committee	2:00-3:00 open 4:00-5:00 closed	104			
	Cave Conservancy Roundtable	1:00-4:00	102							Sketching Contest Results	3:00-4:00	Vendors area catwalk			
	NCRC Annual Meeting	1:00-5:00	110												
Evening	Howdy Party Dinner & Music	6:30 - Midnight	Campground	Fellows - New Members Reception	6:30-8:30	Discovery Center	NSS Auction	7:00 start	228	Photo Salon Short Show/Salon Awards	5:30-7:00	Auditorium	NSS Awards Banquet	6:30 - 8:30	
	Cave Open House	6:30-10:00	Indiana Caverns	Open Mic	8:00 start	Campground stage	Campground Party	9:00 start	Campground	Full Photo Salon/Salon Awards	7:30-10:00	Auditorium	Campground Party	9:30-Midnight	campground
				Featured Speaker: Genevieve von Petzinger	9:00pm	Auditorium				Caver Story Telling Contest	10:00-Midnight	Windell Ag Building			

*Schedule subject to adjustment

*Questions? Contact 2026convention@caves.org

